



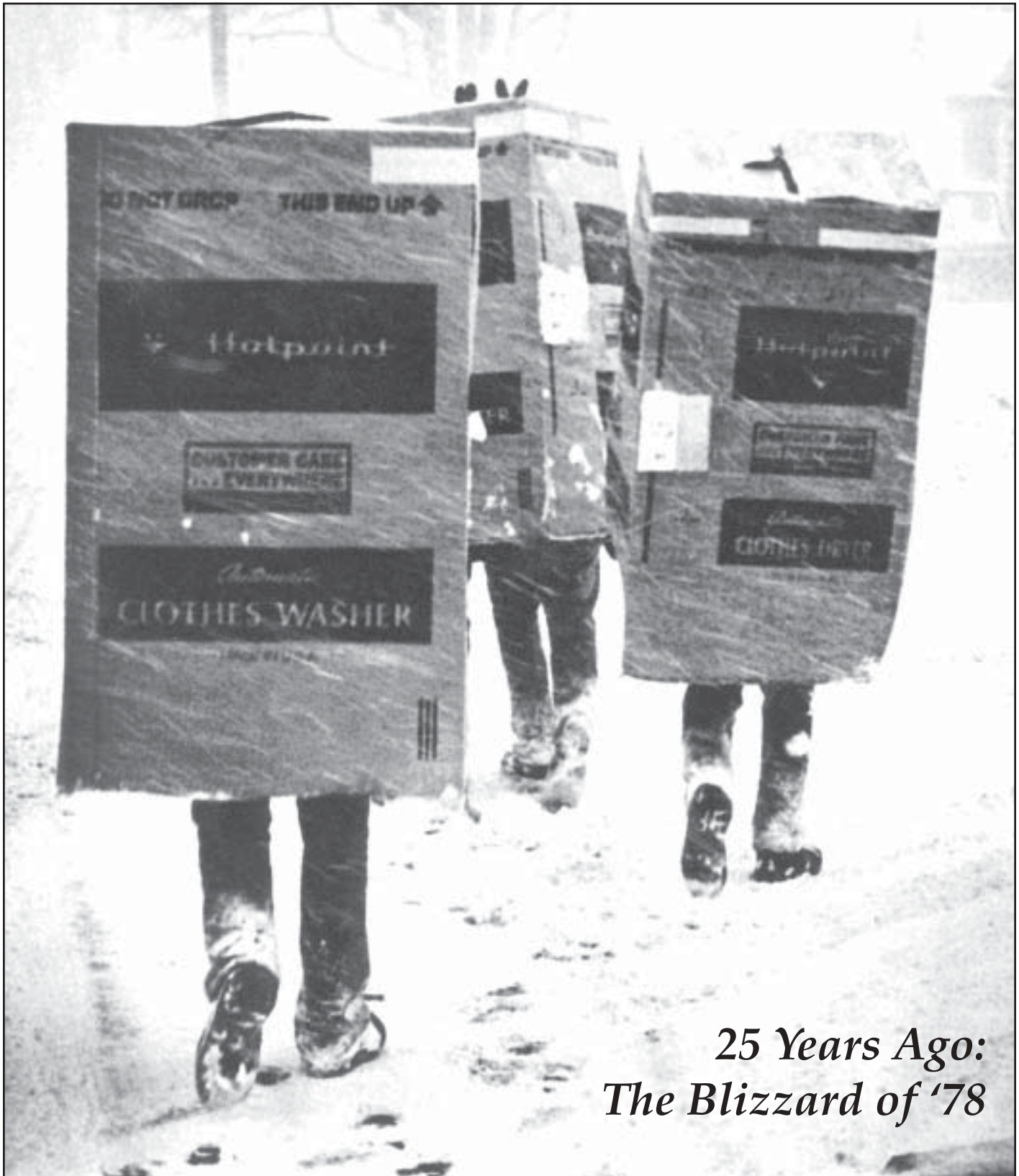
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Silver Snow Storm Blizzard of '78 Wreaked Havoc 25 Years Ago By Kenneth J. Souza

It's hard to imagine it's been 25 years now that one of the largest winter storms of recent memory quietly snuck up on New England and effectively stopped everyone and everything in their tracks. With the exception of maybe Hurricane Bob and Hurricane Gloria, there really hasn't been anything close to matching the magnitude and scale of the whopping snow storm which knocked New England to its knees on February 6 and 7, 1978 and dumped upwards of two feet of snow on the region — at least, not within most of our lifetimes. It has been rightfully dubbed “the worst storm of the century” by locals, and anyone at least 30 years of age living in our area can certainly offer their own colorful firsthand memories of the storm.

I, for one, was thrilled that school was cancelled for an extended period of time ... and I spent those quality hours away from literature and math to alternately climb



Above: Mattapoisett film-maker Brent Lestage (far right, with camera) was recently part of a four-man crew (as sound recordist/second camera) consisting of Emmy award-winning producer and former executive producer of ABC News Nightline, C. Scott Willis; Emmy award-winning cameraman, Curt Worden; and New York Times photographer and 2002 White House Press Photographer of the Year, Stephen Crowley. The group's correspondent was New York Times Senior Military Correspondent, Michael R. Gordon. The resulting hour-long documentary, *Show of Force*, is slated to be broadcast on The Learning Channel (TLC) on Thursday, February 13 at 9:00 pm (check local listings). (Photo courtesy of Brent Lestage).

On the cover: Three pedestrians found a creative way to shield themselves from the stinging snow during the infamous Blizzard of 1978. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the storm, author Michael Tougas has published *The Blizzard of '78*, which includes this and other fascinating photographs. (Photo courtesy of Adam Gamble, On Cape Publications.)

the mountains of snow piled high in a nearby parking lot and tunnel my way through a homemade igloo maze which neighborhood kids had built in someone's back-yard. There were literally mounds of snow everywhere you looked; and it was only after a day or two of melting that you realized many of these “mounds” actually contained cars trapped within their frozen center.

To commemorate the silver anniversary of Mother Nature's 1978 winter wallop, author **Michael Tougas** has just published *The Blizzard of '78* (On Cape Publications, \$14.95), a fascinating examination of the devastating storm in which 76 people lost their lives and some \$1 billion in damage was incurred. The 128-page softcover



Above: Newly-promoted Mattapoisett Police Sergeant Jason King is flanked by his children and wife during a formal promotion ceremony held at this past week's Selectmen's meeting in Mattapoisett. Sergeant King was recommended by Police Chief Mary Lyons to replace the vacancy left in the wake of former Sergeant Paul Magee's resignation to take the position of Police Chief in Rochester. (Photo by Eletha Yeaton).

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volume is like a personal scrapbook of collected photographs and recollections which details the major aspects of the storm, following it from its progression to how it caused commuter nightmares and incredible devastation. Mr. Tougias also explains how people survived the storm by spending up to 48 hours in their cars and how coastal homes — many along Cape Cod — were first torn from their foundations then smashed to smithereens by giant waves.

But there are also lighter anecdotes and stories about neighborhood parties, cross-country skiers skiing down major highways, and the way that local people banded together to help strangers who were stranded by the storm.

"The hardest part of writing this book was deciding which photographs to use," Mr. Tougias said. "I collected hundreds and narrowed that down to 90 to use in the book. February 6, 2003 marks the 25th anniversary of the Blizzard of '78, and the book is designed to re-awaken communal memories of this once-in-a-lifetime storm."

The author of 15 books, many of which focus on local history, Mr. Tougias said he first struck upon the idea of a book about the Blizzard of '78 when he started asking people to recount their experiences during the storm.

"It's a part of modern history ... most of my books' themes have (involved) outdoor history," Mr. Tougias said. "Many people would light up when they

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talked about (the blizzard). The real question was could I get enough photos which weren't published before."

Mr. Tougias found ample resources for photographs in both local newspaper accounts and from camera hobbyists who snapped interesting pictures of the unique devastation during the week-long freeze.

"I would say the majority of photos are from independent people who were members of camera clubs," Mr. Tougias said. "Probably 40 percent (of them) are from various newspapers."

Indeed, it would seem that New Englanders are still fascinated with the 25-year-old storm and it is often used as the benchmark to compare any potential snow storms or blizzards. Part of the impact of the 1978 storm,

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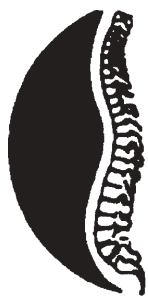

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however, was the fact that it caught everyone off-guard — weathermen only predicted light to moderate snowfall the day before. Today, New Englanders tend to overcompensate for impending snowfall ... a likely reaction to the 1978 blizzard.

"It was one of those events that people have an instant recollection ... they know every little detail," Mr. Tougias said, adding that he took about a year to research and write the book. "Most of the research I did was at libraries where the newspapers for the different regions were on microfilm. I didn't want to make it a book of stories. I wanted to give that chronological sequence of what was happening and why. I wanted a nice quick read that people would leave out on the coffee table."

In writing the book, the one thing that struck Mr. Tougias was how much devastation the storm did along the coast. "I remember Route 128 (being shut down), but I had forgotten about the coast, just how bad it was," he said. "The most telling pictures are the ones where you don't see snow or cars around."

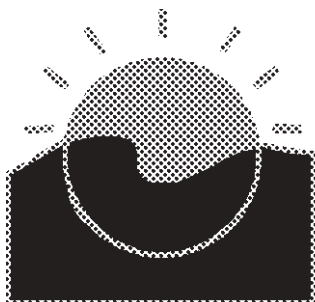
Autographed copies of Michael Tougias' *The Blizzard of '78* can be purchased online at www.blizzardbook.com or www.oncapepublications.com. Mr. Tougias' other books are also available on the latter site, including his other new title, *There's A Porcupine in My Outhouse: The Misadventures of a Mountain Man Wannabe*.

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ORR to Host Strategic Planning Seminar

The Old Rochester Regional School District / Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 has announced the initiation of a strategic planning effort for the school districts. The school committee members of all four districts have voted full support for a strategic planning initiative to help establish direction and goals in each of the schools for the next five years. At the present time, preparations for an 80-person strategic planning conference in mid-March are being led by Paul McGowan, an education consultant from Ogunquit, ME, and by a representative committee of school and community members in the three towns. The 16-hour conference



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Following the three-day conference, the goals, values and directions that emerge will be put into a report for the Joint School Committees to consider. A positive vote by the joint ORR/MA Superintendency Union #55 School Committees on the report will lead to the final step in the planning process, the development of five-year action plans for each major goal. Each phase of the initiative will involve representation subcommittees with different community members involved at all levels.

When asked whether this down economic time with dwindling resources was apt for a major planning initiative, the consultant, Mr. McGowan, stated that it is more important than ever to plan carefully when your resources are seriously limited. The School Committee members are very hopeful that the planning efforts will help to further reinforce the excellent educational experiences offered in the Old Rochester Regional School District/Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55 and also open the way to some new initiatives as well.

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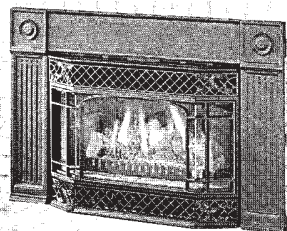
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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 3, 2003

By Eletha Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Raymond Andrews and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectman Barry Denham was attending a Veteran's Conference.

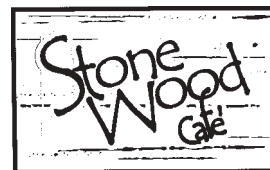
After unanimously approving the minutes of the January 27 meeting, the board approved the appointment of Andrew U. Murray, 40 Brandt Island Road as a Civilian EMT for the Mattapoisett Police Ambulance Service. The board then approved and signed a Common Victualer's License for Elizabeth and Kenneth Ackerman of South Dartmouth for Oxford Creamery.

The board then heard a report from Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson and Ronald Michalski of Tighe and Bond concerning a Stormwater Management Plan for the town. Mr. Michalski's presentation was to alert the board that the EPA/DEP generated a list of 187 communities, which includes Mattapoisett, which have until March 10, 2003 to submit applications and a Notice of Intent for the following:

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit (MS4 Permit) which consists of three elements:
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 2. A Stormwater Management Program specific to Mattapoisett; and
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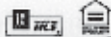
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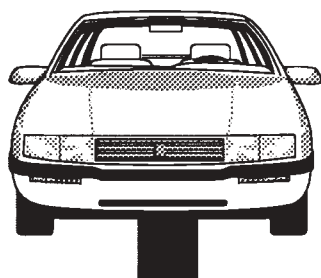
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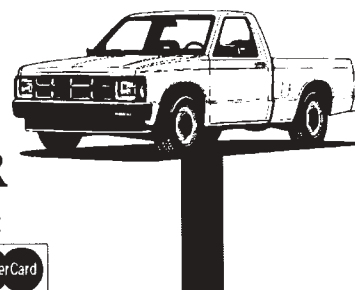


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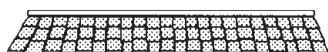
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Selectman Andrews remarked that it would need professional expertise to put this together in five weeks. He is particularly concerned about imminent construction at Center School.

At 8:00 pm, Police Chief Mary Lyons came before the board to recommend that Officer Jason A. King, 6 Pico Beach Road, be promoted to rank of Sergeant. Mr. King would fill the position formerly held by Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee. The board unanimously voted the approve the promotion and congratulated Sergeant King.

He was then sworn in by Town Clerk Barbara Sullivan and Ms. King pinned the new badge on her husband.

Since Donna L. Wunschel, 384 Main Street, Fairhaven, and Scott R. LeBlanc, 3 Gary Drive, Mattapoisett, had both been appointed to fill vacancies on the police force at the January 27, 2003 Selectmen's meeting and were present, they were also sworn in by Ms. Sullivan.

After congratulations were offered by the large crowd of well-wishers, family members and friends, the board returned to the general order of business. They approved the petition of NStar Electric for the replacement of a number of poles in various town locations.

Meetings scheduled throughout the week included:

- Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 pm – Selectmen and Finance Committee (FinCom);
- Thursday, February 6 at 4:30 pm – Elementary



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- Thursday, February 13 at 11:00 am – Veteran's Council Meeting in Rochester;
- Monday, February 17 – Town Offices closed in observance of President's Day;
- Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm – Regular Selectmen's Meeting;
- Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm – Senior Center Study Committee Meeting at Town Hall;
- Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm – Regular Selectmen's Meeting.

Under outgoing correspondence, the board sent:

• A letter to David Ferreira, Superintendent/Director at Old Colony Regional Voke, notifying him that Selectman Denham will represent the Mattapoisett Board on Old Colony's Building Needs Committee.

• A letter to Town Counsel forwarding the RFP for Landfill Development and Solid Waste Management Services.

• A memo to School Superintendent William Cooper authorizing the surplus property list.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

• Notice from the Division of Marine Fisheries that the waters, flats, and tributaries of Hiller's Cove and the Town Landing are open to the taking of Shellfish from



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- Opinion from Town Counsel relative to cable installation at Old Hammondtown School.
- Copy of a "draft" from the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Revised By-laws. The next meeting will be held on February 12 when this version will be discussed. Any comments or suggestions should be addressed with the town's delegate, Selectman Denham, and with Highway Surveyor Wesley Bowman.

Selectman Andrews then discussed two items of concern for this meeting. He is most emphatic that AT&T Broadband have as part of their contract with the town that they will supply at no cost both cable and internet access for all municipal buildings, including schools. Town Counsel concurs, and if no reply to his letter is received by February 21 from AT&T, they will consider a meeting to revoke their license.

In addition, a request to relieve any town resident over 70 from having to pay a dog license fee will have to be researched by the Town Clerk as to rules and regulations, and then brought before a Town Meeting vote.

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Executive Secretary Carol Adams reported that the deadline for acceptance of Articles, Petitions, and Street Acceptances for in insertion into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant is *FRIDAY, MARCH 7*. Any town department that is unable to meet this deadline should contact Ms. Adams and let her know what the intent of the department is concerning an article which will be completed

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 4, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Benjamin Bryant. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first approved various treasury and payroll warrants for the week, and then unanimously approved the minutes of the January 21 and January 28 meetings.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

- A letter from Police Chief Lincoln Miller informing them that the Marion Police Department has received two state-funded grants totaling \$30,500 for the fiscal year: \$10,000 will be used for Community Policing and \$20,500 for Local Law Enforcement Public Safety Equipment.

- Invitation from the ORR School District to attend a meeting at ORR High School to review the FY 2004 budget on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm.

- Letter from Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Debra Blanchette regarding an old couch located in the employee's break room in the Marion Town House. The couch has been sitting there for years, covered with books and newspapers and is no longer wanted. After further research, it was determined the couch originally belonged to Elizabeth Taber. As such, the Sippican Historical

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Society has offered to pay to have the couch restored and then returned to the Town House for placement in the main hallway for everyone to appreciate. The board wholeheartedly agreed with this solution.

- Letter from Russell W. Josephson of Wilson Road asking for help with the roads in the Dexter Beach area. He would like a truck load of 3/4- to 1-inch stone or whatever the Department of Public Works (DPW) would suggest to fill in the deep potholes on the road. The board, however, noted that this is a private road and public funds cannot be allotted for their upkeep.

- Letter from Norton Board of Selectmen Chairman Robert W. Kimball Jr. seeking support in their appeal to Governor Romney for the "immediate suspension of Chapter 40B as a means of easing the financial difficulties now being faced by municipalities across the Commonwealth." The Norton board is leading this crusade and is seeking support from other Massachusetts towns and cities.

"I wouldn't mind writing a letter asking for a suspension of all projects not currently holding a valid comprehensive permit," Chairman Bryant said. With that, the board agreed to send a letter of support to this effect.

- Notice from AT&T Broadband, soon to be AT&T Comcast, offering their Annual Consumer Complaint Form ("Form 500") as required by state law.

- Memo from Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow requesting an extension of the commercial shellfish opening season until March 1, 2003. The board unanimously voted to approve the extension as requested.

- Notice from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of a License Application submitted by Alan L. Minard and Nancy Johnson to construct and maintain a pile-supported timber walkway at 123 Allens Point Road.

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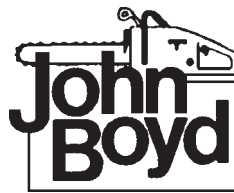
Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock discussed:

- A recent recommendation from the Music Hall Advisory Committee for air conditioning and acoustical consulting upgrades at the facility.

"Really, the issue here is to get someone else involved is going to cost more money," Selectman Jeffrey said. "This really isn't a big project ... I think this is probably an appropriate recommendation." Selectman Jeffrey added these projects would be funded out of the Music Hall maintenance account and would not be taken from town coffers.

"It was other parties that had given money who wanted the acoustical (work) done," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I would certainly move that we accept the recommendation." With that, the board unanimously approved the requested work.

- Information from the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, representatives of which have requested to meet with the board to make a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation on nutrient loading. The board will schedule them to



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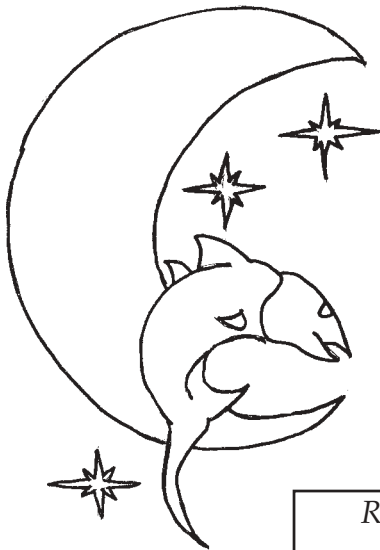
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attend a future meeting.

- An update on the Heritage Landscape Inventory Pilot Project, which encompasses taking an inventory of various sites such as the Tremont Advent Christian Meeting property, Tabor Academy, Barden Boatyard, and the County Road / Front Street area.

- Update on the Phase II Stormwater Program, including extensive information which was provided to the Steering Committee. "It's going to be an ongoing process, which is why you need to be aware of it," she said. "We are fortunate in that we got a request in to the Buzzards Bay Project (BBP) early, and we are one of the four communities they'll be working with." The resulting plan is a five-year document, according to Ms. Enroth-Whitlock, and will include the mapping of all stormwater drains in town.

- Update on the FY 2003-2004 financial status of the town. Like all Massachusetts municipalities, Marion was cut some \$21,000-plus in lottery aid monies from the state, or about 2.9 percent of their total local aid this fiscal year. "We'll be able to get through this fiscal year without that money," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said, "however, next year is a concern." She said she has been in contact with state legislators regarding the FY 2003-2004 outlook.

- A draft of the Landfill Closure Pamphlet which will be finalized and later made available to residents.

- Several complaints regarding property located at 165 County Road. "The Board of Health is looking into this," she said. "The property has been condemned."

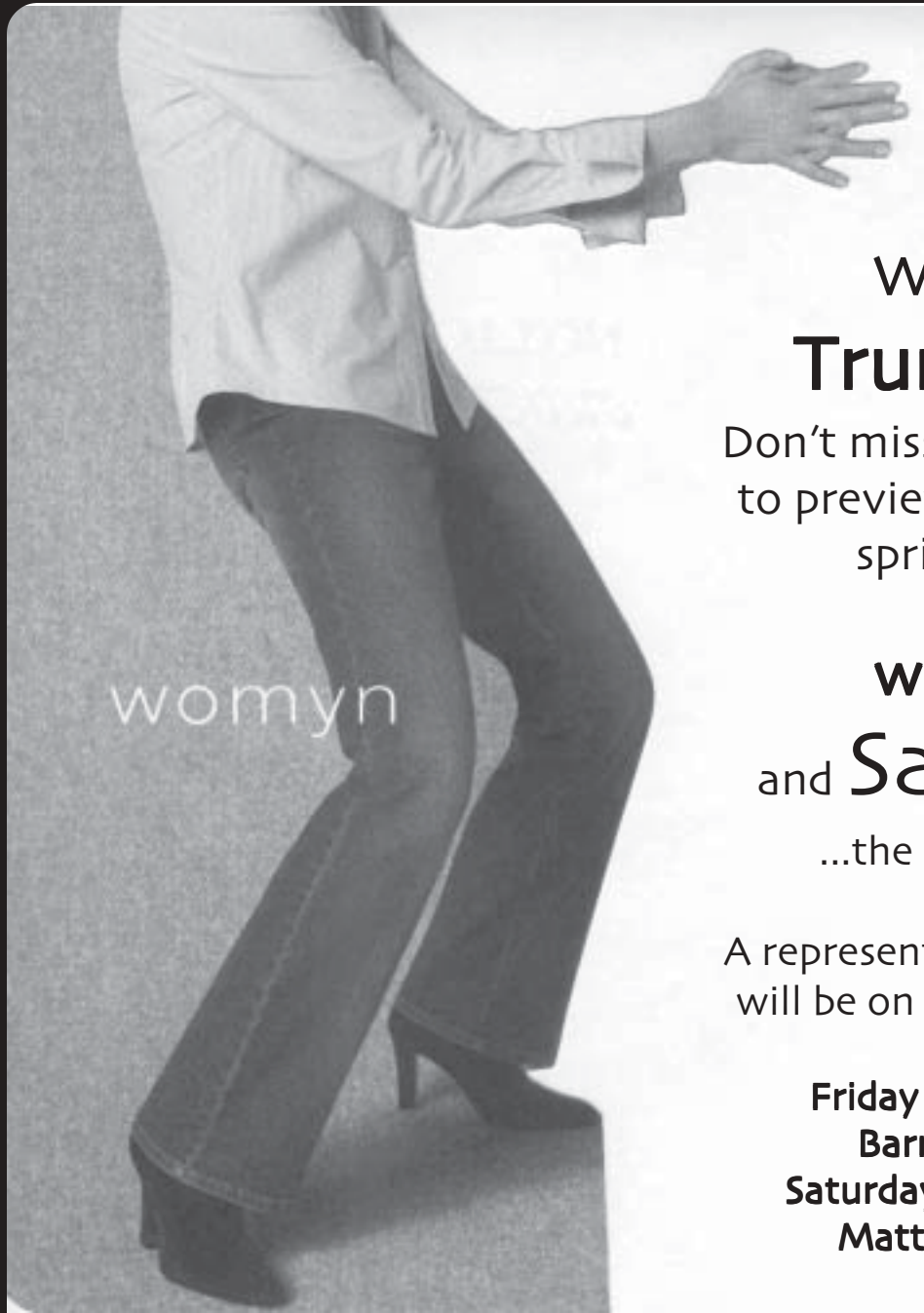
- The deadline for submitting articles for placement on the Annual Town Meeting warrant has been set as March 3.

The board next unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm to discuss strategy with regard to pending litigation. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 3, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Patricia Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Nunes, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first requested a moment of silence for the *Columbia* space shuttle crew who were lost the previous weekend.

Since there were not yet any meeting minutes to approve, the board voted to sign and approve payment of an invoice from Town Counsel Perry, Hicks, Crotty & Deshaies in the amount of \$4,656 for legal services rendered.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon noted Selectman Parker and he would be traveling to Boston this week for an arbitration hearing with the police union. An open house was held the previous weekend to welcome and meet newly-appointed Police Chief Paul Magee which was well-attended by residents; and a planning meeting was also recently held for the annual Rochester Country Fair, and plans are moving ahead nicely.

Mr. Huntoon also noted the Town of Rochester will not be getting an estimated \$39,582 in local aid from

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Under incoming correspondence, the board received a letter from the James W. Seawall Company regarding seminars on GIS mapping and an offer from the company for free implementation consulting and web hosting services that will "help the towns effectively distribute and utilize the data." One seminar will be held on February 19 in Plymouth and the other on February 26 in Yarmouth.

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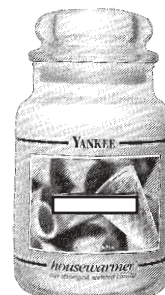
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Susan S. Adams, Chairman of the Rochester Green Ways Committee, sent a letter recommending the appointment of Bruce Duffy to their committee to fill the vacancy left in the wake of Kathy McAuliffe's recent resignation. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Duffy as recommended.

Building Commissioner Robert Francis sent a memo to the board advising that he has "heard through the grapevine" that reconstruction fees for the Robinson family, whose home was recently damaged in a fire, are to be waived. "I have no problem with doing so for such a tragedy; however, I need clearance from the board," Mr. Francis wrote.

Chairman Ryan said Rochester School Committee member Robin Rounseville was present at the meeting to discuss a Strategic Planning Conference to be held on March 13, 14 and 15 at Sippican School in Marion. "The conference is designed to be a very active and engaging experience for all attendees," Ms. Rounseville said, adding that it will encompass representatives from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. "It is a 16-hour commitment ... we are looking for a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member from the FinCom, and a member from the Planning Board (to attend)."

The focus of the conference will be to examine the future needs of the tri-town school systems and it will be run and organized by a professional consultant and sponsored by the ORR School District. The board members weren't immediately able to commit to the three-day

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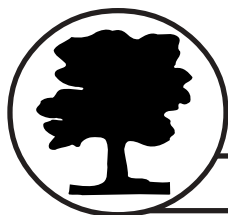


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conference, but they agreed it would be beneficial to have representation attend.

The board next discussed making appointments to the Rochester Memorial School Building Committee, but agreed to hold off making the final appointments until February 24. A few have already expressed interest, but those still interested in serving on the Building Committee should submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770.

As for the teacher's representative on the Building Committee, the board said they would prefer the teacher also be a resident and taxpayer of the town. "I'd be reluctant to appoint someone who wasn't also a

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resident," Selectman Parker said.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the proposed removal of a piece of property owned by A.D. Makepeace on Hillside Road from a Chapter 61A conservation restriction. Selectman Nunes had some questions regarding such Chapter 61A properties, to wit:

- Why does the Planning Board sign off on "Approval Not Required" (ANR) lots before the property is released from Chapter 61A?
- When Chapter 61A properties are passed on by the Town of Rochester and the Rochester Land Trust, who follows up to ensure the owner pays the rollback penalties and is the town getting any money from this?
- Should the town support either legislation or a by-law, if possible, to require a developer of Chapter 61A property to pay a percentage of the proceeds to a land trust or some other non-profit association that is devoted to the preservation of open space?

"If the developer has to pay some proceeds from the development, that might be a way to slow down the sale of 61A properties," Selectman Nunes suggested.

Mr. Huntoon noted that much of the Chapter 61A process is governed by state law, and any alterations would require a change in legislation. The board agreed to look into getting some answers to these questions and suggested contacting state legislators for assistance.

Chairman Ryan next asked her fellow board members when they would like to work on their own FY2004 budget — either during a regular meeting or on

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an "off night"? The board seemed to prefer doing the budget on an "off night." Chairman Ryan also suggested they set a strict deadline for articles to be placed on the June 2, 2003 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

To that end, Mr. Huntoon said the Rochester Land Trust is coming before the board next week to make a presentation and hopefully call for a Special Town Meeting to allocate funds to purchase an estimated 800 acres of property known as the Eastover Farm Preservation Project. The Land Trust will be seeking an estimated \$1.95 million commitment from the town which will be combined with other funding sources to meet the \$6.26 million price tag for the land to be retained as open space.

Selectman Parker, however, felt this wasn't a

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measure which required a Special Town Meeting and it should be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. She didn't feel there was any need to spend taxpayer money for a Special Town Meeting when the Annual Town Meeting was just months away, and she felt sitting through the Land Trust presentation again was redundant.

"They should be making the presentation over at the Senior Center, or during a public hearing, because they are the people who need to hear about it," Selectman Parker said. "I'm not opposed to the project, but I think they're preaching to the converted."

Mr. Huntoon said the Land Trust was of the opinion that their article and cause would be buried amidst the articles of an Annual Town Meeting warrant and also noted that if the board didn't willingly call for a Special Town Meeting, they might be obligated to hold one anyway if the Land Trust simply submitted a signed petition.

"I understand where you're coming from ... (but) if they come in with a petition, we have no choice," Chairman Ryan agreed.

The board said they would discuss this matter further with members of the Rochester Land Trust at next week's meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:05 pm.

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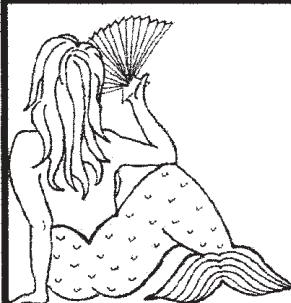
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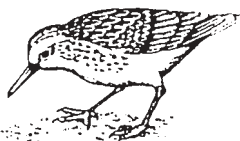
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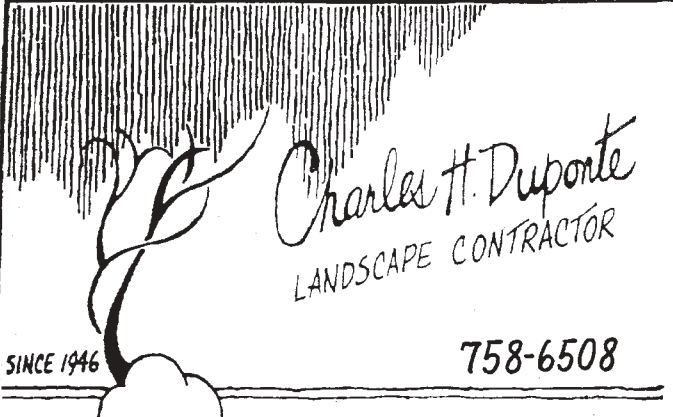
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing to inform any concerned taxpayer living in Mattapoisett of the many questions still unanswered regarding the proposed Mattapoisett Bike Path.

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takings *now* before the plans for Phase II of the bike path have been finalized? How can the land evaluations be the same now as they were at the start of this process? The town as a whole has been reevaluated and the new land assessments are ranging from three to four times higher than the original assessments. The word "backland" as used at the land takings by Town Counsel Dan Perry is inappropriate. The portions of land, depending on the size of the property in question, have in most cases not been simply backland. In many instances the land borders the residents' yard space.

Concerning the issue of owning the land for the sewer line (easement) — the town does not need to own the land for this. An easement suffices. *The cost of the easement is cheap.* The abutters need a realistic figure on what their land is worth currently.

The Selectmen originally said they would not support a bike path that did not end at the Marion town line. It was suppose to, according to the Selectmen, go from the Fairhaven line to Marion, or it would not get their approval as stated at the August 27, 2001 Selectmen's meeting. When asked to put their declaration in writing, Chairman Paul Lambalot stated to the gathering that his commitment did not need to be put in writing because "you have the word of us here, and it is on TV" (as he pointed to the camera).

Meetings continued. Questions are asked, many over and over, but the Bike Path Committee cannot come up with answers to most of those asked. This committee has been at work for more than five years, and can still not come up with answers to important questions.

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Sincerely,
Barbara S. Hubbard
Mattapoisett

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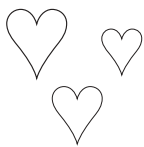
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The collectors are looking for one postcard that is known to exist, but have been unable to locate. It is a postcard picture of the Mattapoisett Poor Farm that was on Aucoot Road. If you would like to be included in this adventure and work of historical research, please call Natalie Sylvia-Hemingway at 508-992-2925 for information. It is not too late to be included!

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Reserved seating tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the door on the night of the performance or purchased at The Bookstall in Marion, Margaret's Card Shop in Wareham, or Baker's Books in North Dartmouth. Also, tickets may be reserved by e-mailing the following address: ggrosart@aol.com. *Anything Goes* is excellent family entertainment.

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Information and forms will be mailed by Friday, February 7 to the parents of all prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Ms. Brodeur at Sippican School between 10:30 and 2:30 at 508-748-0100.

Mattapoisett History Series

On Sunday afternoon, February 16 at 2:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street, Seth Mendell will continue his series of talks on the history of Mattapoisett. This chapter, covering the period from 1880 to the early 1900s, will include stories told to him by his grandfather, the introduction to the town of the electric trolley and the "Dude" train, the building of Center School and the Mattapoisett Public Library, as well as tales of one of the town's "character's" of that period:

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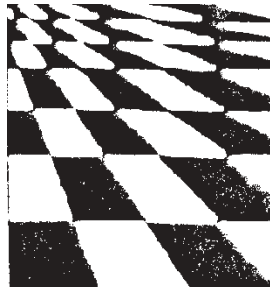
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Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of February will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, February 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

PTA Skating Party

The Mattapoisett Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) has reserved the Carousel Skating Rink in Fairhaven for vacation week, Thursday, February 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a private party for Mattapoisett PTA families and friends. Admission is \$2 to cover expenses, and skate rental is extra. Please join in the fun — everyone is welcome. The Carousel Skating Center is located on David Drown Boulevard in Fairhaven.

ORR Math Finalist

The results of the 39th Annual Massachusetts Association of Mathematics League's Level 1 Olympiad Exam are in and Old Rochester Regional High School has again produced a State Finalist. Tim Schuyler, a senior Math Team member and an AP Calculus student, was one

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of 107 students out of 3,212 students from 75 schools across the state qualifying for the Second Level Exam scheduled for March. Tim was the only student from southeastern Massachusetts qualifying for the Second Level.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for February, 2003:

- Monday, February 10 at 7:00 pm – Mattapoissett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm – ORR School Committee at ORR High School;
- Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm – Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm – Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Driver Education Class

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 16 years of age on or before February 10 in order to enroll in this class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats as the program is school-sponsored.

Please call the high school office for further information. Registration period ends Friday, February 7. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, February 10. The classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday at

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 personal checks will be accepted. Summer residents will
 be considered residents of the ORR District. ORR Parent
 Information Night

The ORR High School Annual Parent Information
 Night will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm
 in the high school / junior high school cafeteria. Parents of
 eighth graders are asked to report to the school cafeteria
 at 7:00 pm. Parents of students already attending the high
 school (Grades 9-11) are invited to attend beginning at
 7:30 pm. The format of the evening will be a brief intro-
 duction and overview by the guidance department,
 followed by an opportunity to ask questions of depart-
 ment coordinators who will have displays and exhibits set
 up in the cafeteria. If you have any questions, please
 contact the high school guidance office at 508-758-3745,
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Mattapoisett Mid-Winter Concert

On Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 pm, Old
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"This is our first concert because of all the construction, said Band Director Stan Ellis. "I'm hoping that not only parents will come to celebrate this mid-winter musical night. We certainly welcome everyone from the community."

In addition to the music, the band will be putting on a bake sale to raise money for competition fees, buses for competitions and instruments. A reminder that OHS "Cans for Bands" is still working at the school every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Rochester Grange Meeting

The next meeting of Rochester Grange #257 will be Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30 pm in the Grange Hall 205 Hartley Road. After a short business meeting Deborah Zora from Marion will entertain the group with Gospel/ Inspirational music. The public is cordially invited to visit with them and enjoy the program.

The Rochester Grange is conducting an ongoing canned goods drive. Donations will be given to a local food pantry. Members are asked to remember to bring in their donations.

Veterans Prescriptions Exempt

The Office of Veteran Services for Mattapoisett and Rochester has received an announcement from the National Association of Massachusetts Letter Carriers (NALC) Health Benefit Plan enrollees in regards to assessments imposed on prescriptions. As an enrollee of NALC, all members are exempt from these assessments. The cost of prescriptions, whether retail pharmacies or mail order pharmacies, will not include any tax calculations. Therefore, any prescriptions obtained from your local pharmacy with the new \$1.30 tax assessment should not be added to the bill. By federal statute, the plan will not impose, reimburse, or consider payment of the prescription tax. For further information regarding this matter, you may contact the Mattapoisett/ Rochester Veterans Office at 508-758-4114, Tuesday through Thurs-

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Benefit for Rochester Family

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Marion Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Marion will be holding a caucus on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 2:00 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House. The caucus will elect delegates to attend the 2003 Massachusetts Democratic Convention held at the Paul Tsongas Arena in Lowell on June 7, 2003.

The caucus will be electing three delegates and three alternates to send to the Convention. Only those Democrats registered to vote in the town as of December 31, 2002 are eligible to participate and vote in this caucus. If you have any questions regarding the caucus or need a ride to the caucus, please contact George T.J. Walker, Town Democratic Chairman, at 508-748-1019.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The next meeting of the Maconchu Club will be held on February 15 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The club will have as their speaker Bunny Mogulnicki, who will share with them some of her experiences and interesting stories while teaching around the world for the Federal Government.



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Shanghai Knights. Starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson. Running time: 100 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At AMC Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinema 12 in New Bedford.

Back when I reviewed *Shanghai Noon* (2000), I was sufficiently charmed by it to write, "This is one summer movie I wouldn't mind seeing a sequel to." So, a little late (Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson were too busy with other films to get around to my request right away), we have *Shanghai Knights*, whose plot, I promise you, matters not at all. I trust that comes as a shock to no one. The Shanghai movies exist solely to exploit the unstable but winning chemistry between the sincere, physically adept Chan and the ironic, verbally adroit Wilson. They're good for each other: Chan's seriousness of manner gives Wilson something to react to, and Wilson has a calming effect on Chan.

Shanghai Knights picks up our heroes separately: Chon Wang (Chan) is a sheriff out West, shaking his head at the glorifying pulp novels written about his former partner Roy O'Bannon (Wilson), who's out in New York. Back home in China, Chon's father is killed, and his Imperial Seal stolen, by a nasty Brit amusingly named, in one of many old-movie nods, Rathbone (Aiden Gillen). Rathbone is in cahoots with the renegade Wu Yip (Donnie Yen); with the power of the Seal, they plot to become the King and Emperor of their respective countries. So Chon and Roy — along with Chon's younger sister Lin (Fann Wong), a formidable martial-arts practitioner herself — head off to London to get their hands on the Seal and on the pair of murderers.

Wait, didn't I say the plot didn't matter? Killing off the father of one of the two leads in a comedy sequel seems a bit hefty (and leads to a bad scene where Chon mourns his father and stares at a photo of Jackie Chan as a boy posing with someone with an obvious PhotoShop paste job of the face of the actor playing his father), but once the action moves to London things pick up considerably. Director David Dobkin doesn't forget why we go to Jackie Chan movies: even though Chan, a year shy of fifty now, obviously uses a stunt double for some of the more perilous gags, he can still choreograph with the best of them, and there's a terrific fight scene in which Chan uses everything at his disposal against a pack of London brawlers. Chan grabs an umbrella, opens it, and fends off his foes as Dobkin quietly insinuates "Singin' in the Rain" onto the soundtrack.



Indeed, the movie has a lot of fun not only with movie history (there's an orphan sidekick, reminiscent of a British Short Round, whose identity I'll leave you to discover) but with British history circa 1887, the film's setting. An eager young Scotland Yard inspector named Doyle (Tom Fisher) may ring some bells for mystery fans in the audience, and when Lin goes off on her own in the chilly night of Whitechapel she runs into — and speedily dispatches — exactly the person you want her to. (Some of the movie is like a slapstick riff on Caleb Carr's *The Alienist*.) Mayhem also unfolds inside Madame Toussaud's Wax Museum, and in and around Big Ben; one sequence involving a revolving fireplace triggered by pushing a statue's breasts manages to quote from two Indiana Jones movies at once.

Shanghai Knights is fun, though a little draggier than its predecessor, and Owen Wilson doesn't have as many zonked, insecure moments here as he got to run with in the original. (He does have a priceless expression of "I can't believe this is happening to me, but I'm gonna roll with it" during an erotic dream sequence.) Jackie Chan's best moment here is a swipe from *Rush Hour*, where he had to fight multiple attackers while trying to keep an urn from falling over; here he turns the tables, and the sequence really outdoes more than swipes. The movie is better than it had to be (and even looks better, what with ace cinematographer Adrian Biddle on board), and the mood of it is just amiable doodling; you don't feel the pressure of a sequel to a big summer hit — the movie seems to have been made simply because these guys should get together again. The last scene has them talking about hitting Hollywood and getting into the movie business, and once again I'll say it: I won't at all mind seeing *Shanghai Stars*, or whatever they end up calling it.

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 Biker Boyz (PG-13) – 1:40, 4:05, 7:35, 9:55
 Final Destination 2 (R) – 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
 Darkness Falls (PG-13) – 1:20, 3:15, 5:15, 7:05, 9:10
 Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) – 9:45
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 Kangaroo Jack (PG) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
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 Shanghai Knights (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20
 Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) – 1:00, 4:30, 8:00
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 Just Married (PG-13) – 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15
 National Security (PG-13) – 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
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The costume committee for the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club is seeking donations of full petticoats to be used during their spring production of *Les Miserables*, and later productions and other plays. If you have a petticoat left over from a bridal outfit or full formal gown that is gathering dust in your attic or closet, they would happily take it out of your way. If you can help them, please call Barbara at 508-758-2058 (leave message) to arrange a pick-up. The ORR Drama Club thanks you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Rochester Fair Winter Dance

The Rochester Country Fair is sponsoring their Third Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, February 28 at the Redman's Hall, Main Street in Wareham. A black Angus beef dinner will be served at 7:00 pm, followed by dancing with the popular band, The Relics. A 50/50 Raffle and Chinese Auction will also be held.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person and are going fast. Tickets are now available at Bev Loves Books, Plumb Corner Mall; Rochester Bakery, Rochester Center; Ponderosa Sports Bar, Route 105; and Lloyd's Market, Route 105. Bring your appetite and dancing shoes for a fun-filled night.

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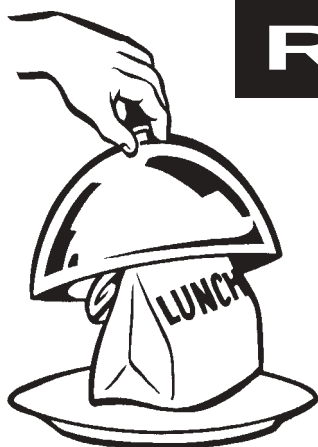
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• ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, February 10 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, bologna sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, February 11 – Chicken nuggets, ham sandwich, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, February 12 – Beef taco, turkey sandwich, rice, lettuce and tomato, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, February 13 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, February 14 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, February 10 – Roasted sausage with pepper/onion, whipped potato, winter squash, French roll, fruit in light syrup.

Tuesday, February 11 – Cream of broccoli soup, Hawaiian chicken, Polynesian rice, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, February 12 – Stuffed shells with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, scalloped bread, Valentine Day cake, graham waffle.

Thursday, February 13 – Beef stew with vegetables, boiled potato, multi-grain roll, chocolate pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Friday, February 14 – Stuffed salmon with lemon dill sauce, garlic mashed potato, country blend vegetables, light rye roll, fruit in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 10 – Hot dog or rib-a-que, baked beans, oven fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 11 – Chicken fajita, beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 12 – Lasagna, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 13 – Sloppy Joe or toasted cheese, crispy fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 14 – Stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, February 10 – Cheese dippers with pizza sauce, chicken patty club, mac rib sub, potato puffs, green beans, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 11 – Cinnamon swirl French toast with syrup, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, Steak'Um and cheese sub, tuna salad, potato wedges, baked beans, chilled pears, berry blue jello with topping.

Wednesday, February 12 – Chicken fajita wrap with salsa, taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese sub, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, strawberries with topping.

Thursday, February 13 – Italian meatballs with sauce, spaghetti, grated mozzarella, chicken patty club, bologna and lettuce sub, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, raspberry jello with topping.

Friday, February 14 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved turkey, mac rib sub, shoestring fries, chilled peaches, Valentine's Day cake. (ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: Noon release, breakfast will be served).

• FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 10 – Kentucky style chicken, baked pork chop with gravy, steak and cheese grinder, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled peaches, raspberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, February 11 – Roast pork with gravy, chicken a-la king, hot ham and cheese grinder, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, spiced applesauce, blueberry crisp with topping.

Wednesday, February 12 – Caçõila grinder, meatball grinder with sauce and grated mozzarella, open face hot pastrami grinder, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate

whip with topping.

Thursday, February 13 – Jumbo stuffed shells with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese, Italian grinder, oven fries, green beans, mixed fruit, lemon jello with topping.

Friday, February 14 – Pot roast with gravy, baked glazed ham, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, whipped potatoes, carrots, chilled peaches, chilled pineapple.

• HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FAIRHAVEN

Monday, February 10 – Cheese dippers with pizza sauce, chicken patty club, mac rib sub, potato puffs, green beans, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 11 – Jumbo stuffed shells with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, steak and cheese grinder, tuna salad, potato wedges, baked beans, chilled pears, berry blue jello with topping.

Wednesday, February 12 – Chicken fajita wrap with salsa, taco boat with all the fixings, Italian grinder, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, strawberries with topping.

Thursday, February 13 – Italian meatballs with sauce, spaghetti, grated mozzarella, chicken patty club, "hero" sub, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, raspberry jello with topping.

Friday, February 14 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, grilled cheese sandwich, caçõila grinder, shaved turkey, mac rib sub, shoestring fries, chilled peaches, Valentine's Day cake.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, February 10 – Hot dog or rib-a-que, baked beans, oven fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 11 – Chicken fajita, beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 12 – Lasagna, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 13 – Sloppy Joe or toasted cheese, crispy fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 14 – Stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 10 – Cheeseburgers, French fries, mixed vegetables, pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday, February 11 – Grilled hot dog, chili, baked beans, potato chips, green beans, marble cake.

Wednesday, February 12 – Vegetable soup, Italian sub, hash brown patty, carrots, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, February 13 – Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, roll, spice cake.

Friday, February 14 – Pizza wedge, egg salad roll, potato chips, corn, fruit, dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 10 – Hot dog or rib-a-que, baked beans, oven fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 11 – Chicken fajita, beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 12 – Lasagna, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 13 – Sloppy Joe or toasted cheese, crispy fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 14 – Stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, February 10 – Hot dog or rib-a-que, baked beans, oven fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 11 – Chicken fajita, beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 12 – Lasagna, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 13 – Sloppy Joe or toasted cheese, crispy fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

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make it possible for the LWV to continue its community activities such as its voter service which includes candidates' nights and voter registration of 18-year-old students at ORR High School and its grants to new education projects in the schools of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, and ORR's Junior and Senior High Schools.

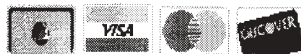
Tri-Town Family Survey

Every three years, the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council conducts a survey of families with young children to learn about their needs in raising and educating young children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The information gathered through this process guides the council as it plans services, activities and events. This year, the council has adopted a slogan for the project: "Your Voice + Council Guidance = Childhood Success."

With strong survey returns, the council will be able to respond to the unique needs of tri-town families. Surveys will be distributed this month to families with children from birth up to and including Kindergarteners. Surveys will be distributed through both private and public school preschool and child care programs who

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Then There Were Three

By Kenneth J. Souza
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The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library are sponsoring another fascinating talk and book-signing with three well-known writers of mystery on Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm in Reynard Hall of the Congregational Church on Church Street in Mattapoisett.



G.H. Ephron is the pseudonym of authors **Hallie Ephron** and David Davidoff, who together write the popular Dr. Peter Zak series of psychological mystery-thrillers. The duo has published a series of three mystery medical thrillers: the new *Delusion*; *Addiction*, published a year earlier; and *Amnesia* a year before that. The series features forensic psychologist Dr. Peter Zak. Writer Hallie Ephron is one half of the team. She also happens to be the daughter of Holly-

wood screenwriters Phoebe and Henry Ephron, and sister of screenwriters/novelists/producers/director Nora, Delia, and Amy Ephron.

Dr. Donald Davidoff, the team's other half, is a neuropsychologist who teaches at Harvard Medical School and runs a unit at Harvard's famous (think *Girl Interrupted*) psychiatric hospital, McLean. Like their fictional protagonist Dr. Peter Zak, Don is often brought in to provide expert testimony in criminal trials.

"The two of us together make a perfect writer," Don said. "I have lots of stories to tell. Having worked with people for twenty years as a psychologist, I have a very good sense of motivation and how people act. Hallie has a tremendous ability to capture these things and put them on paper."

Hallie explained it differently. "It works because we have absolutely no overlapping talent," she said. "He's great on plot, character, and of course psychology. I write. When we started working together frankly I was afraid Don was going to want to write. Turns out he was afraid I was going to make him write."

In their new novel, *Delusion*, Dr. Zak has to assess the mind of a brilliant but paranoid man accused of killing his wife and in the process, tease apart truth from delusion.

Katherine Hall

Page has had a long and successful career in education and as an author. She was born and grew up in New Jersey, but early on her family developed a love of the Maine coast and spent summer vacations on Deer Isle. College first brought her to Massachusetts, where she continues to reside.

Before her career as a full-time writer, Ms. Page taught at the high school level for many years. It was during her husband's sabbatical year in France after the birth of their son that Ms. Page wrote her first mystery, *The Body in the Belfry*, 1991 Agatha Award winner for Best First Mystery Novel.

The Body in the Bonfire, her twelfth novel in the series, features Faith Fairchild, a caterer and minister's wife who uses her skills in cooking and deducting to solve a burglary and murder in a boys' prep school.



Closer to home is *Vineyard Enigma*, the latest from author **Philip R. Craig**, a retired college professor now living on Martha's Vineyard. His first novel (*Gate of Ivory, Gate of Horn*) was published in 1969 when he was 35, and his second (*A Beautiful Place to Die*) in 1989, when he was 55. Since 1989, Scribner has published a series of thirteen of his mystery novels, all of which are set on Martha's Vineyard featuring J.W. Jackson, of

which *Vineyard Enigma* is the ninth.

All three writers will bring an air of mystery and suspense to Mattapoisett's Congregational Church on Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm. Be sure to be there. This event is free and open to the public.

have agreed to participate in the project. Surveys will be distributed via the public school Kindergartens. Finally, 150 surveys will be mailed to a random sampling of families in the tri-town area.

Every family returning a survey is eligible to receive a free child's book and to enter a raffle. Surveys may be returned via the child's early childhood program or to your local public library. If you receive a survey, please be sure your voice is heard. For more information, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863.

Mattapoisett School Registration

Registration for all children entering Kindergarten and new children entering Grade 1 in September of 2003 will take place on Tuesday, February 11 from 3:15 to 7:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School. Registration is for parents *only*.

Any child born in the year 1998 is eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten. Any child born in the year 1997 is eligible for enrollment in Grade 1. Following more than a year of intensive study, the Old Rochester Regional School District, Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55, on the advice of the Superintendent of Schools and the Kindergarten Task Force, has adopted a new age entrance date for incoming Kindergarten students. The newly-adopted policy states that children must turn five years old on or before August 31 of the year they enroll in Kindergarten. This policy change aligns the ORR School District with over 90 percent of the school districts in Massachusetts.

The change becomes effective in September, 2003. The Superintendent and the Task Force recognize that some families affected by the policy change may have already planned pre-school enrollment for their children. For that reason, during the 2003-2004 school year only, children who turn five between September 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003 may enroll. Parents should bring a birth certificate or notarized memorandum of birth with them on registration day. A doctor's memo showing the following immunizations and a lead screening blood test is also required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for school entrance:

DPT (five doses unless the fourth dose is given after the fourth birthday); Oral Sabin Polio Vaccine (four doses unless the third dose is given after the fourth birthday); Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) – first dose given on or after first birthday, and second dose must be given prior to entering Kindergarten; Hepatitis B (a series of three doses); Hib (a series of three doses); Varicella Vaccine (one dose or physician certified reliable history of chicken pox disease); and Lead Screening.

If the required immunizations or blood work for lead screening are incomplete for medical and/or religious reasons, a statement from a doctor or church official stating the reasons for exemption should be presented at the time of registration. A physical examination is re-

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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 26, 2003 through February 1, 2003:

- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – adult arrests: 2 (person under 21 in possession of liquor, possession of Class D substance, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest)
- Spring Street – general offense
- County Road – assist other police department
- Mill Street – noise complaint
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Main Street/Route 6 – motor vehicle accident
- Wareham Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (warrant, failure to return property)
- Briggs Lane – motor vehicle complaint
- Holly Road – animal complaint
- Front Street – suspicious activity
- Point Road – use without authority
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 East – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor: second offense, reckless operation of motor vehicle, marked lines violation)
- Olde Knoll Road – disturbance
- Olde Knoll Road – suspicious activity
- Quail's Crossing Road – family disturbance
- Sippican, Inc. – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – family disturbance
- Main Street – parking violation

- Brookhaven Lane – animal complaint
- Point Road – officer wanted
- Route 195 East – adult arrest (warrant, failure to pay fines)
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Allen Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle theft/past
- Quail's Crossing Road – animal complaint
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – lost property
- Cross Neck Road – vandalism/past
- Island Wharf – suspicious motor vehicle.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 26, 2003 through February 1, 2003:

- Fairhaven Road – suspicious persons
- Church Street – disturbance
- Driscoll Lane – vandalism
- Pearl Street – suspicious persons
- Edgewood Lane – motor vehicle violations
- Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle violations
- Park Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Park Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – property returned
- Water Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Melanie Lane – property found
- North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – vandalism
- Aucoot Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Knollwood Drive – animal control
- Marion Road – traffic control
- Homestead Court – fire
- County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Jowick Street – motor vehicle accident
- Pearl Street – animal control
- Holly Woods Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle

- Lynfield Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Barstow Street – fire
- Marion Road – motor vehicle violations
- Laurel Street – disturbance
- Marion Road – motor vehicle violations.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 28, 2003 through February 4, 2003:

- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- North Avenue – traffic control
- Dexter Lane – parking complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- North Avenue – highway matter
- Stuart Road – civil complaint
- Snipatuit Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – highway matter
- Ryder Road – highway matter
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- High Street – larceny of motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – assist other police department
- Dexter Lane – trespassing
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- County Road – traffic hazard
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Quail's Crossing Road – domestic disturbance
- Braley Hill Road – accident/hit and run
- Cranberry Highway – larceny
- Alley Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Rounseville Road – assist fire department
- Dexter Lane – motor vehicle accident
- Clapp Road – suspicious person
- Vaughn Hill Road – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 – motor vehicle accident.

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copy of this at registration time. This is necessary in order
to assist them in the release of educational records and
information, as well as the dismissal of children to the
appropriate parent/adult.

Information about Kindergarten screening, which
will be held during the school day of the first two weeks
of October, and an Orientation Meeting for Kindergarten
parents on May 21 will be available at registration. A
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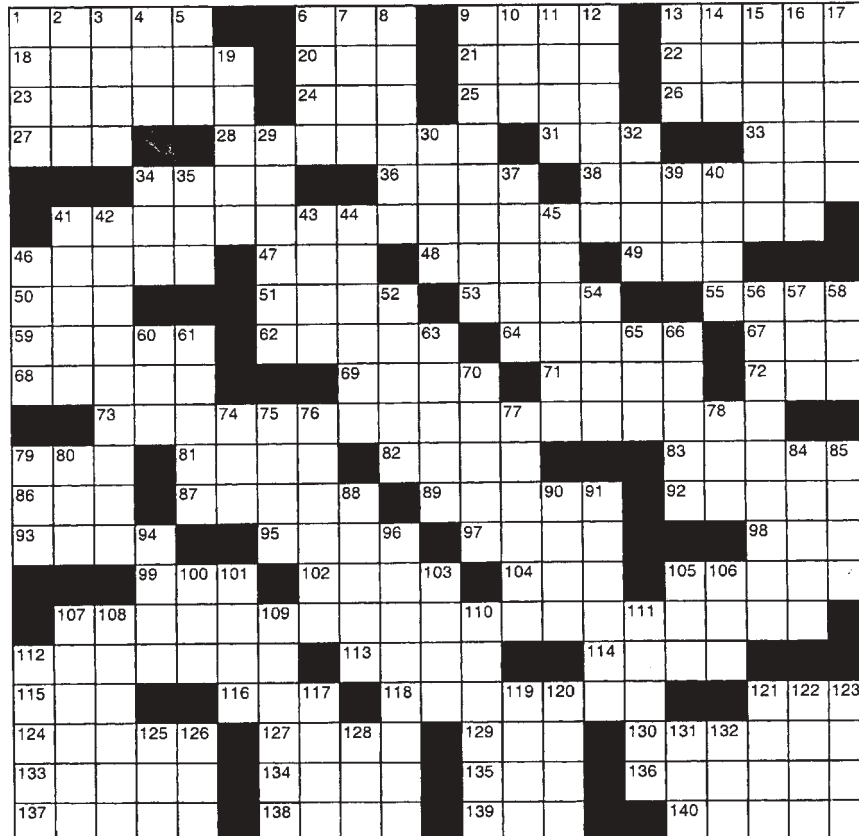
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66 — drum
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109 Earl Grey's place
110 William Sydney Porter
111 Man of the cloth?
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117 Stubbom sort
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. But caution is still advised through the end of the week. Until then, a step-by-step approach is best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That cooperation you request could come at too high a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor a quieter time spent getting closer to the people who are especially important to you. There's always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause more-serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be more patient with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what's right. The fact is, there's a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It should be easier to assess the facts you'll need to make an important decision. But don't commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on that new project. Expect some setbacks. But on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now. But your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping, happily as ever.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might prefer sticking with your current schedule. But some newly emerging information could persuade you to consider a change. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reject a suggested change. But it could be wise to go with the flow, at least for a while. You can always return to your first plan if you like.

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The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 6:20PM. #942 Application of Richard and Kim Van Voris of 67 Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located 67 Acushnet Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 5.1.5.4. of the Zoning By-Law to construct a family-related apartment to thier present dwelling. The property is described as Plot 17, Lot 78A on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 6:40PM. #943 Application of Joanne O'Day of 8 Linhares Avenue by Southcoast Construction Group re property located 8 Linhares Avenue. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a new front entrance and stairs that will not meet the street setback. The property is described as Plot 9, Lot 173 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:00PM. #944 Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson Robert J. Bertrand Nancy L. O'Brien Girard F. Oliva Jack R. McGill 02/06, 02/13	LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #823 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Timothy and Linda Hathaway, 558 Snipatuit Road, who are seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B. of Rochester By-laws. Property is further identified as Assessors plan 41 lot 1B. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at 7:25 p.m. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 01/30, 02/06 LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #824 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Nelson P. And Shirley A. Torres, 641 Mary's Pond Road, who are seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B. of Rochester By-laws. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 16 lot 18D. The public hearing will be held Thursday, February 13, 2003, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 01/30, 02/06 LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 7:20PM in the Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Reservation Golf Club, 10 Reservation Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to trim phragmites. The project is located at 10 Reservation Road and is further identified as Lot 175 on Assessor Map 10. Conservation Commission 02/06 LEGAL NOTICE DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS IN MATTAPOISETT Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will be holding a caucus at the Mattapoisett Town Hall on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 1:30PM to elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates to the 2003 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2003 at the Paul E. Tsongas Arena in Lowell. The caucus is open to registered Democrats in Mattapoisett. For more information, please call the Democratic State Committee at 617-472-0637 02/06	LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 8:00PM in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Dennis R. Costello. The applicant proposes to construct a pile supported timber pier to access Hiller's Cove for recreational boating purposes and to rebuild and expand a timber boardwalk to bridge the lawn with the beach. All work will be performed within land subject to coastal storm flowage, partially within a salt marsh, land under the ocean, land containing shellfish and coastal beach and within the 100ft. buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland, coastal dune and barrier beach. The project is located at 7 Hiller's Cove Lane and is further identified as Lot 94 on Assessor Map 10. Conservation Commission 02/06 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W 02-0702/TM#W032439 Prentiss Higgins NOTIFICATION DATE: February 12, 2003 Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by Prentiss Higgins to maintain proposed modifications to existing licensed bulkhead, construct and maintain fixed pier, ramp and float at 7 Shipyard Lane in the municipality of Mattapoisett in and over flowed tidelands of the Mattapoisett Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent. The Department will consider all written comments on the Waterways application recieved by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at 508-946-2734. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below. Written comments must be addressed to: Mitch Ziencina, Environmental Analyst, DEP Wetlands and Waterway Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 02/06



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Parents must bring a birth certificate, two verifications of home address, a record of immunization, and a physician's certificate showing the date and results of a lead screening. Each student must have a physical examination dated no more than six months prior to the beginning of classes.

Kindergarten parents are welcome to an Orientation Meeting that will take place on Tuesday, February 11 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Kindergarten classrooms. The school staff is especially anxious to hear from families who are new to Rochester or whose names might not appear on the Annual Town Census.

Marion Meatloaf Supper

The Marion United Methodist Church, 13 County Road in Marion, will hold a Meatloaf Supper and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 15 at 5:30 pm. The menu will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes, string beans, carrots, rolls and butter, beverage, coffee and dessert.



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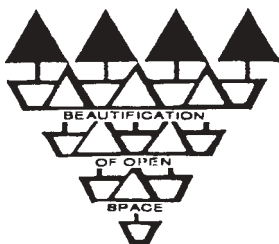
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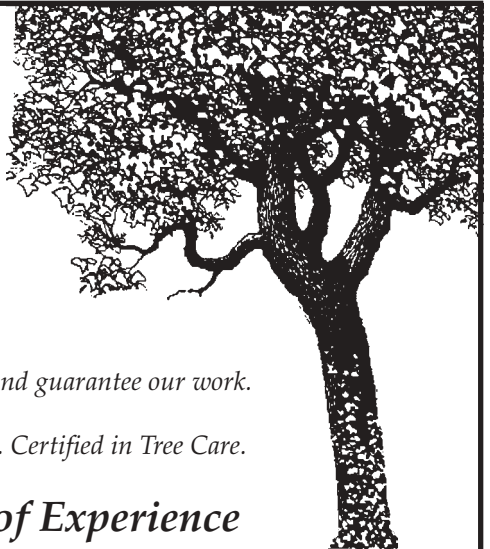
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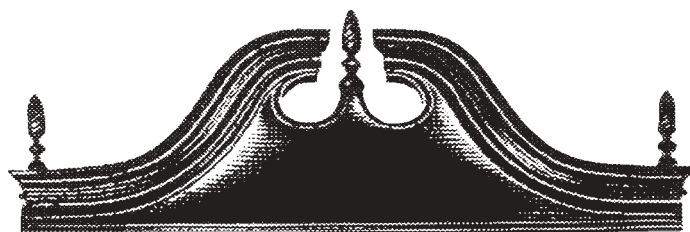
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February 7:	Fri.	11:59	...	5:03	5:11
February 8:	Sat.	12:15	12:40	5:52	5:55
February 9:	Sun.	12:57	1:25	6:55	6:49
February 10:	Mon.	1:44	2:19	8:18	7:53
February 11:	Tues.	2:41	3:21	9:34	8:57
February 12:	Wed.	3:47	4:24	10:32	9:54
February 13:	Thurs.	4:49	5:20	11:21	10:47
February 14:	Fri.	5:43	6:10	...	12:06
February 15:	Sat.	6:30	6:55	12:01	12:49
February 16:	Sun.	7:15	7:40	12:27	1:28
February 17:	Thurs.	8:01	8:26	1:16	2:05
February 18:	Fri.	8:47	9:13	2:05	2:42
February 19:	Sat.	9:35	10:02	2:53	3:18
February 20:	Sun.	10:25	10:53	3:40	3:57
February 21:	Mon.	11:17	11:47	4:30	4:39
February 22:	Tues.	...	12:12	5:26	5:27
February 23:	Wed.	12:44	1:10	6:38	6:25
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter		February 9th	
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